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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 as follows:

This application is based upon and claims the benefit of priority from the prior Japanese Patent Applications No. 11-309989, filed October 29, 1999; and No. 2000-017464, filed January 26, 2000, ~~the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.~~